

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

A) Before entering politics, I have been involved in the finance, fitness, and security industries.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

A) Yes, I live in my riding and have for over a year.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

A) I am a leader in the Black community, Toastmaster, environmentalist, and proud Mason.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

A) Learning about the trajectory our planet has been a huge call to action for me, reading the works of great authors such as David Suzuki, Elizabeth May and Dr. Jill Stein has had a large impact on me and my political thinking. I would be remiss not to mention my political education at McMaster University and all that I had learned in and out of the classroom. Lastly, and most importantly for me, learning about the great work of my ancestors and elders, on whose shoulders I stand, has given me the inspiration and pride to lead.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

A) Barack Obama for his poise and decorum, US President Woodrow Wilson for his monumental work in creating the League of Nations, which later became the United Nations, and Sir Lincoln Alexander.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

A) If I had to say, I would think that our policies surrounding the Green Economy matter most to the people in my riding. Whenever people learn just how environmentalism will let us live better a happier and more sustainable quality of life, they are intrigued. That and when we break down the profitability of switching to renewable energy, incentivize green technology and they think of the thousands of jobs this will create.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

A) The reason Canadians are disillusioned by politics is that they think that it is full of liars and two-faced crooks. People who lack integrity and do not mean what they say, for fear of losing public support. My Dad used to always tell me, "the number one job of a politician is to be re-elected," implying that they will say and do anything just to keep them on government payroll. We need genuine men and women who are real, down-to-earth and truly passionate visionaries. Politics, particularly federally, is also very hard to keep up with. I'm not talking about sound bytes on YouTube or memes on Facebook. I'm talking about every single Bill that is slid across the desk. The minutes of all meetings. Or a heads up notice about meetings so that the average person can make it to the meeting perhaps even in person. Instead, society makes it so that we know more about Justin Bieber than Justin Trudeau.